Procurment of iron ore by MMTC

351. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MMTC has increased the procurement of iron ore from Barbil-Banspani sector in Orissa during 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) if so, what was the quantum of iron ore procured during 1984-85 and so far during 1985-86; and

(c) what was the quantum of iron ore procured from that sector during 1982-83 and 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total quantum of iron ore procured during 1984-85 and from April to October in 1985 was as under:

(lakhs tonnes)

Year	For export	For Steel plants	Total
1984-85	6.78	6.82	13.60
1985-86	5.77	3.61	9.38
	(April - October'85)		

(c) The total quantum of iron ore produred from that sector during 1982-83 and 1983-84 was as under:

(lakh tonnes)

Year	For Export	For Steel plants	Total
1982-83	5.50	8.84	14.34
1983-84	5.32	1.82	7.14

Collection of taxes

352. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of revenue collected by way of direct and indirect taxes during the first half of the current financial year ending 30th September, 1985; and

(b) what is the trade deficit during the first half year ending 30th September, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The